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TAGS: PINT, AF

SUBJ: PROGRESS IN THE LOYA JIRGAH

REF: A) KABUL 792, B) KABUL 817

1. AS SECOND WEEK OF AFGHAN LLYA JIRGAH (NATIONAL CONSTITUENT ASSEMBLY) WINDS TO A CLOSE DELEGATES HAVE APPROVED JUST MORE THAN THREE-QUARTERS OF ARTICLES OF DRAFT CONSTITUTION. AT PRESENT RATE IT APPEARS JIRGAH WILL COMPLETE WORK ON CONSTITUTION EARLY DURING AFGHAN WEEK BEGINNING FEB 12.

2. PENULTIMATE ARTICLE OF DRAFT CONSTITUTION REQUIRES PRESENTLY CONVENED JIRGAH TO ELECT NATIONAL PRESIDENT BY TWO-THIRDS MAJORITY. THIS WE ASSUME WILL BE MAJOR EVENT OF NEXT WEEK, PLUS DISCUSSION AS GOVERNMENT MAY REQUEST OF POLICIES OF REGIME PRIOR TO JIRGAH. IN LATTER CONNECTION BELIEVE IT POSSIBLE DAUD'S PUSHTUNISTAN POLICY WILL RECEIVE FURTHER AIRING.

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3. DEBATES HAVE BEEN LIVELY AND DELEGATES

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ATTENTIVE, BUT NO HEAD-ON DISAGREEMENTS WITH
REGIME'S POLICIES AS EXPRESSED IN CONSTITUTION
WERE REGISTERED. DELEGATES HAVE BEEN TREATED
TO HEAVY SOCIAL/CULTURAL EVENTS SCHEDULE, AND
WE ARE TOLD MUCH GOVT LOBBYING AND PERSUADING
TAKES PLACE AT THESE SESSIONS.

4. MORE COMPLETE ANALYSIS WILL FOLLOW BY SEPTEL
AT CONCLUSION OF JIRGAH.
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